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TAKE NOTE

NCOA bazaar Saturday

The annual Noncommissioned Officers Association bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 6015 Watt Ave., North Highlands, across from the community center. Many items are for sale such as furniture, appliances, electronics, clothing, sports and fitness equipment, knick-knacks and much more. All proceeds are returned to the base and community programs supported by the NCOA. For more information, call Tammy Sullivan at 568-4123 or Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-6808.

Support Group change of command

The 77th Support Group change of command ceremony is June 16, 9 a.m., at the flagpole in front of Bldg. 1. Duty uniform is appropriate for this event.

Fly World War II aircraft

The Collings Foundation is sponsoring an aircraft display Friday through Sunday, 3 p.m. at Lincoln Airport. Take an actual flight in a vintage WWII warbird for a \$350 tax-deductible donation. See "Back Page" for more information or call 443-5522 or 455-4412.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"

Lt. Gen. Peterson visits Sacramento

Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, deputy chief of staff for Personnel, Headquarters, United States Air Force, gave a "Spread the Word" briefing May 25 at the theater in Bldg. 237. Peterson focused on retention and recruitment and how critical the two issues are to the future success of the Air Force.



U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

Commissary welcomes new manager

By Jennifer Vargas

Staff Writer

With more than 15 years grocery experience under his belt, Marlon Walker has become the commissary's newest store manager.

Walker's position as the manager for perishable items began last month after his journey from Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho where he was a commissary administrator.

"I'm very excited about working with the McClellan community," Walker said. "I look forward to serving our customers."

Walker, a retired U.S. Army Master Sgt., spent five years in the Republic of Korea after his military career, where he managed commissaries at Yongsan and Pusan Army posts before moving to Mountain Home AFB.

He's filled nearly every management-type position in the commissary, and plans to make McClellan's commissary the best in the De-



U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

Marlon Walker (left), new commissary manager, greets a patron at the front door of the McClellan Commissary, Friday.

fense Commissary Agency.

"Giving customers the respect and courtesy they deserve is just one of the ways to strive for continuous improvement," Walker explained. "I've also got to be visible to my customers in order to be successful. Knowing who I am means knowing where they can go to for assistance."

Air Force leaders getting younger every year, says officer

Commentary by Lt. Col. Thomas Breen

523rd Fighter Squadron commander

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. -- Twenty four years ago this June, I sat in a place called Arnold Hall at the Air Force Academy and listened to a man named Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James.

I'll never forget his words as this giant of a man looked down upon us. "You are the future leaders of the Air Force." I'll also never forget how stupid I thought that was. I looked around at 1,300 bald heads and wondered if everyone else was as afraid as I to leave their room to go to the latrine. How could any of us be the future leaders of anything?

I spent the next eight years really learning to follow. You have to be a good follower before you can be a good leader. Four long years at the Academy and four more working my way up to become an A-10 flight "lead." Next thing I know, I'm leading an eight-ship (formation) into Germany from England and the weather was, as usual, very bad. For the first time, I was the guy out front making the tough calls. I was also the guy who was going to "hang" if we ran out of gas or hit a mountain. I started to understand what the good general was talking about. The way I see it, it took me eight years to really be in a position of "leadership."

Since I became a squadron commander, I think I understand this leadership idea a lot better. So I look around my squadron and try to figure out who the leaders are. Who are the guys out there motivating people to bust their hump to get a job done, making sure it is done right, and who do I hold accountable?

I first look to the people who are in leadership positions. All super individuals who have been around, have had some leadership training, and who you would expect to be considered leaders. And they are. I know I have to look further. There is a lot more going on out there. I know the people training, motivating and setting the examples for all my followers are more than the people I have listed above. I know the seven minor miracles that happen every day to get a sortie in the air are not being done completely by these people. The problem is, I am out of leadership positions, and there is a lot more leadership going on.

I have a policy in my squadron -- everyone who has to have a waiver to perform tasks above which they are qualified sits down with me and their supervisor, and I give them my philosophy speech. I tell them that in the "old days," airmen would never have dreamed of being waived. There would be 10 staff and technical sergeants doing this job, and they were at least a year or two too young and inexperienced. But times are different now, and I have to depend on

them to pick up the slack. We have no more staffs and techs. So, before I "waive" them to this higher level, there have got to be some things made clear. They know when they leave my office they have the authority, responsibility and duty to do what is correct, regardless of their rank. They also know they will be held as accountable for the dereliction of that duty as if they were a noncommissioned officer.

One day during one of these interviews, I realized where the rest of my leaders are. They are two- and three-strippers who hadn't even been to leadership school! They are the guys who are doing just as I had on that snowy day in Germany.

I have spent two years as a commander wrestling with bleak experience and manning numbers. I have bounced somewhere between 30 and 60 percent manned in what traditionally are considered to be the entry-level leadership positions. The fundamental requirements to get a jet airborne have not changed, while the rank of the people who make it happen has.

My new entry-level leaders are my young airmen. If Gen. James were alive today, he would be looking at these guys and saying, "You are leaders in the Air Force," I would be saying, "That's right, general, and they did it in only three years -- it took me eight!"

The point is the balance has changed significantly in the past 10 years. We ask more of our airmen than we ever have in the past. We need airmen who understand how to follow and want to pick up leadership roles quickly.

In many Air Force Specialty Codes, we face the same problems with lack of experience. We have hit rock bottom in a lot of areas, but the Air Force will continue to do its mission. We will always fly and fight, but we will eventually take the hit in lack of training for the guys who are taking the jets into combat. They will be less trained and less proficient if we cannot generate the training sorties required.

The people who are going to pull us through this time are not the generals and colonels. The NCOs will play an important part, but the ones who will put us back on top of our game are the airmen. They are the ones who have to step up to the plate and take over those leadership roles. They are the ones who have got to realize if they don't do it, there is no one else to do it for them, and their followers need to support them.

I know the price that will be paid if our airmen don't understand how important they have become in their leadership roles. In a fighter squadron, it could mean the loss of a jet or even a pilot. Yet day after day, I see my maintainers rising to the challenge. I think my guys know these facts and understand what Gen. James was talking about. (AFPN)

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DoD offers low-cost vacation getaways

Active duty, reservists, retirees and Department of Defense civilians can now take advantage of the Armed Forces Vacation Club.

The AFVC is a space available program with the opportunity to take affordable condominium vacations at resorts around the world for only \$209 a unit each week.

The AFVC makes this possible by using excess inventory at condominium timeshare resorts which include condominium units that resort owners do not use.

The majority of availability is generally in the United States, Mexico, South America, and Europe. Availability varies, but frequently covers two dozen or more countries.

Condominium units typically include a full kitchen, stocked with everything from a refrigerator and stove to a coffee pot and soap for the dishwasher and many include washers and dryers. Most resorts provide amenities that are not available in hotel rooms. Guests have



access to on-site recreational facilities, swimming pools, fitness centers, game rooms, gift shops, restaurants and organized activities. Golf and skiing are available on-site at some resorts or nearby.

To determine the appeal and demand for off-season vacation travel, the AFVC began as a limited test in the Washington area last year. Eligibility was restricted to military members, only a handful of installations participated and there were just a few resorts available, all within driving distance. The program proved so popular, that it was made available to all of the continental

United States and Europe. In January, the AFVC went global and extended eligibility to anyone, over the age of 21, affiliated with DoD; all uniformed services, active duty or retired, reserve, and National Guard.

For more information about the AFVC, call the McClellan Outdoor Adventure office at 643-0400 or visit www.afvclub.com (Information provided by the Armed Forces Vacation Club).

Retiree Corner

Monthly military retiree meeting

The next monthly retiree meeting is June 14, Flag Day, at the Community Center, old NCO Club, 10:30 a.m. This month's featured speaker is a representative from the Regional Transit Authority and a local Air Force recruiter. Topics include retention problems and how the retiree population can help. Come out and enjoy a free cup of coffee. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 643-2207.

55 Alive Driving Course

The next 55 Alive Defensive Driving Course is Sept. 21 and 22 at the Chapel Annex. This course is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The price of the course is \$10. Payment is needed before the member can be placed on the list. For more information, call 643-2207, Monday through Thursday.

Prescription service

The McClellan Pharmacy will remain open until Sept. 29. Refill services end Sept. 18. Customers may also use the mail order pharmacy. For more information, call 643-2207, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Medical care at David Grant Medical Center

Travis Air Force Base opened its doors to retirees and their spouses age 65 and over for full medical care at David Grant Medical Center. To become registered or empaneled, call (707) 423-7920. For more information, call retired Chief Master Sgt. George Moses at 643-4011.

For more on retiree news access the McClellan Home Page, at www.McClellan.af.mil/77ABW

Expanded health care options available for military retirees

WASHINGTON — In a move to expand alternative health care options to over-65 military retirees, the Department of Defense announced May 26 that it had expanded the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program demonstration project to include two new over-65 military retiree demonstration sites.

They expand one of the department's projects to determine the most feasible way to provide health care for uniformed services Medicare-eligible beneficiaries and certain others.

This congressionally mandated demonstration project allows certain eligible uniformed services beneficiaries to enroll in, and receive their health care through, a health plan in the FEHBP, the same program used by civilian federal employees and retirees. DOD will contribute the standard government amount, which is almost three-quarters of the plan's premium.

The next enrollment opportunity at all demonstration sites, including the two new ones, will begin in November during the FEHBP's annual enrollment open season. Coverage for new participants will begin Jan. 1, 2001, and will run through Dec. 31, 2002. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management administers the FEHBP. OPM and DOD jointly administer the DOD/FEHBP demonstration project.

Information will be available in late summer on a series of meetings about the project that will be held in the areas of the new demonstration sites. Beneficiaries who meet eligibility criteria will receive notification by mail. Others may call the DOD/FEHBP Project Call Center at 1 (877) 363-3342, for further information. (AFPN)

Air Force continues battle against recruiting woes

By Ray Johnson

Air Force Flight Test Center

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. --

Last year, for the first time in 20 years, the Air Force failed to meet its recruiting goal. With 33,800 slots to fill, the service fell 1,700 people short.

And for the first time ever, the service began buying television advertising instead of relying on stations to run public service announcements. One could say an air-war campaign of a different sort had been launched.

At the halfway point of this year's effort to deliver 34,000 sign ups, the Air Force once again might miss its mark. But optimistic officials believe that a strong summer season, typically the best time for recruiting, could help fix the dilemma.

Even so, recruiting, along with retention, still remains one of the most critical concerns for leadership.

Consequently, steps are underway to combat the problem, including a new television ad campaign scheduled to begin airing nationwide in the summer. A 60-man crew headed up by the production company MJZ recently filmed hefty portions of four 30-sec-

ond spots here. The commercials are aimed at 17- to 25-year olds possibly interested in enlisting, and adults who influence them, plus active-duty members already serving.

Some of the scenes captured at or near Edwards include a KC-10 tanker refueling a B-2 Spirit and two F-117A Nighthawks, ground shots of the F-22 Raptor, and F-16 Fighting Falcons and F-15 Eagles flying over the Mojave Desert.

But it's not just glitzy airplanes being showcased.

Bill Coker, assistant director for the \$4-million project, said the ad campaign's central theme is to show what it means to be an Air Force member.

"We are emphasizing people," Coker explained before filming a scene in a jet engine test cell. "You often see hardware [in past commercials] because it's exotic and exciting. But what we're trying to show is the team spirit and sense of adventure in what the rest of the Air Force does. The part that [the public] doesn't get to see very much, such as what it takes to launch a bomber or fighter."

And, he stressed, the commercials are also to salute those who work in support roles. All airmen "should see themselves as a role

model," Coker said.

Everyone appearing in the ads is an Air Force civilian or military member, such as Airman 1st Class Crystal Pajak, a 412th Component Repair Squadron jet mechanic. While talking with a friend, she learned that MJZ selected her to participate in a commercial. Not surprisingly, Pajak immediately called her family, letting them know "to start looking for me on television soon."

Needless to say, Edwards' flight-test mission here continued during filming. Daily requirements didn't go away.

Ensuring people and resources, including those from other bases, remained available throughout the production crew's stay fell to Col. Robert Parker, the Air Force Flight Test Center inspector general. As a liaison, he worked with other major commands to bring in the B-2 and KC-10.

Watching as the ad concept gradually took shape here, Parker believes the commercials will be eye-catching.

"This is something that certainly will grab people's attention, both inside and outside the service," the colonel said, adding that with so much of the Air Force story being found here making these commercials at Edwards "was only natural." (AFPN)

NEWS NOTES

Voluntary RIF announcement open

The voluntary reduction in forces announcement opens today for employees who wish to volunteer to be RIF'd in order to save another employee who is scheduled to separate Sept. 29.

A copy of the announcement and application can be obtained at the civilian personnel office, Bldg. 200, Room 45 or the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 200, Room 40. Submit completed voluntary RIF applications to civilian personnel by 4 p.m. June 15. For more information, call Joanne Hammond at 643-6763.

VSIP and VERA announcement opens today

The Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority announcement opens today through June 30. This is the last opportunity for employees to apply for VSIP/VERA for separation no later than April 13, 2001.

Employees with a current reduction in forces separation notice with an effective date of Sept. 29 are encouraged to apply as well. A copy of the announcement, application and information packet can be obtained at the civilian personnel office, Bldg. 200, Room 45 or the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 200, Room 40.

Submit completed applications to civilian personnel by 4 p.m. June 30. For more information, call Joanne Hammond at 643-5940 or

643-0048.

Membership meeting

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter #5, membership and business meeting is Saturday, 1 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. The speaker is S. McGrew, financial advisor. For more information, call Edna Brown at 422-0891.

HAWC facilitates weight loss program

The Health and Wellness Center is facilitating one last LEARN program for weight loss. This 13 week comprehensive course will start June 16, 3-4 p.m. and meet every Friday through Sept. 8. For more information and to enroll, call 643-4648.

Area Defense Council

The Area Defense Counsel's office on McClellan Air Force Base will close June 23. The Beale Air Force Base ADC, Capt. Nicolle Schippers, will handle all clients after that date.

Members needing assistance should call DSN 368-2081 or commercial (530) 634-2081.

Next NAF resale opens in July

The 77th Services Division will not be holding a non-appropriated funds resale store in the month of June. For more information, call Jonnie Johnson at 643-6660.

Fantasy career available through essay contest

The Department of Defense and Yahoo have launched an essay contest entitled "Fantasy Career in Today's Military" to help boost recruitment. Civilians wanting to experience the life of a G.I. can participate in this contest for a grand prize of "a day in the life of" any of the five military branches. Each branch of the military will announce one contest winner in August and will provide unique and exciting experiences.

Each participant must be 18 years or older and explain in 200 words or less why they would like to experience the career service fantasy. The contest ends July 4 and each

service is being given 30 days to review the final essays. Yahoo will announce the winners Aug. 7. The service will conduct the fantasy awards for the contest winners between Aug. 21 and Sept. 30.

The Air Force fantasy career prize will take the individual to Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va., home of Headquarters Air Combat Command. There, the winner will experience "a day in the life of" an Air Force F-15 fighter pilot. The winner will fly in a F-15 supersonic, all-weather, extremely maneuverable tactical fighter with a maximum speed of 1,850 miles per hour which is about 2.5

times the speed of sound.

At about \$55 million per aircraft in 1999, it's packed with technology. An advanced avionics system includes a heads-up display, advanced radar, an inertial navigation system, flight instruments, ultra-high frequency communications, a tactical navigation system, and an instrument landing system. The winner will ride in the rear seat of the aircraft. For more information about the Fantasy Career in Today's Military, visit www.careers.yahoo.com or for more on the United States Air Force, visit www.af.mil (Information gathered from AFNEWS and Yahoo).

Childcare instructions change Air Force-wide

By Danita L. Hunter

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. -- The Air Force implemented new policies recently governing family child care to help parents ensure their children are being cared for in the best way possible.

The new instruction -- Air Force Instruction 34-276, Family Child Care Programs -- was published and became effective Nov. 1, 1999. However, bases were given until May 1 to implement the new procedures, which include giving providers a choice of which level of acceptable quality care they will offer. They will apply for a provisional, standard or developmental license.

Additionally, providers may choose to become accredited through the National Association for Family Child Care. It is also now possible for military families living off base and providing licensed care to become affiliated with the base program.

"McClellan implemented this program Jan. 1," said Joyce Dorsey, family daycare coordinator.

Under the old system, all providers received the same type of license and parents had to research potential providers to determine their levels of experience. With the new system, parents can look on a list provided by each base's family child care coordinator and know which type of license a provider holds.

"It provides a way to differentiate between those who are providing the standard level of care and those who are providing more developmentally appropriate activities and care," said Shannon Dauber, Air Mobility Command's child development and youth specialist.

New providers are issued a provisional three-month license. During this time, providers are discouraged from taking children on off-base field trips until they can demonstrate a higher level of competency, the number of children in their care is limited to four, and an experienced provider is assigned to each provider to act as a mentor.

After the initial three-month period, the panel reevaluates the

provider's status and makes a determination to upgrade or revoke the provider's license. If the license is upgraded, the provider can care for up to six children under age 8, including the provider's own children. The standard license is good for up to two years, including the three-month trial period. At some point before the two years is up, however, the provider must apply for a developmental license if choosing to continue to provide care for children. With a developmental license, the provider must comply with standards on offering the children early education experiences.

As an option, providers in the developmental stage can apply to become a National Association for Family Child Care-accredited home. "An NAFCC Observer visits the home to observe interactions, activities, the environment and materials, and the precautions taken to ensure the safety and health of the children," Dauber said.

At every stage of the licensing process, providers undergo rigorous screening and are inspected regularly on specific items such as health/safety standards in the home.

"Air Force provisions are based on a national accreditation standard for quality child care," said Dr. Beverly Schmalzried, Air Force Services Agency, chief of family members programs. "We take a whole child developmental approach and require our providers to read to the children at least once per day, take them on field trips, and, in general, help them to develop their preschool abilities."

The benefits are numerous. Parents are assured that the quality of care the children are receiving is standardized. Providers receive continuing education classes to ensure they have the latest information on how to care for children. Children have a safe environment that encourages play while learning a variety of motor and intellectual skills.

The Air Force chose to change the instructions to improve the quality in the homes, encourage providers to improve their quality of care, give providers a choice of which level of acceptable quality they are going to offer, and enable parents to select which level of care they want for their children. (AFPN)

FOCUS CENTER

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 200, Room 40, at 643-5661. The center is open Monday and Wednesday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Note: Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSAs and/or additional information.

Position: Budget Technician, GS-561-06

Ann#: 6-77-451-0

Close: June 5

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Animal & Plant Health Svc

POC: (612) 370-2098

Remarks: You must request a copy of this announcement from USAJOBS. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or for additional information.

Position: Budget Clerk, GS-561-06

Ann#: 24-77-659

Close: June 5

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Animal & Plant Health Svc

POC: Jannelle Patz (612) 370-2090

Remarks: See note.

Position: Training Instructor, GS-1712-11

Ann#: DEU001536

Close: June 4

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: U.S. Army Reserve

POC: (608) 388-2664

Remarks: Army Reserve Membership IS NOT required for this position. See note.

Position: Executive Assistant, GS-301-09

Ann#: BOR-MP-00-099

Close: June 19

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471

Remarks: See note.

Position: Computer Specialist, GS-334-11

Ann#: 0091996

Close: June 5

Location: Oakland, CA

Agency: GSA

POC: William Harris (415) 522-2661

Remarks: See note.

Position: Personnel Staffing & Classification

Specialist, GS-201-12

Ann#: R5-308-00G

Close: June 22

Location: Vallejo, CA

Agency: Forest Service

POC: Dawn Hayhurst (510) 559-6364

Remarks: See note.

Position: Personnel Management Specialist,

GS-201-07/11

Ann#: R5-217-00G

Close: June 21

Location: Vallejo, CA

Agency: Forest Service

POC: Dawn Hayhurst (510) 559-6364

Remarks: See note.

Position: Program Analyst, GS-343-11

Ann#: R5-299-00G

Close: June 19

Location: Vallejo, CA

Agency: Forest Service

POC: Dawn Hayhurst (510) 559-6364

Remarks: See note.

Position: Contact Representative, GS-962-

05/08 (Bilingual, Russian)

Ann#: DELEX-SR-00-057

Close: June 5

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Social Security

POC: (510) 970-8484

Remarks: See note.

Position: Contact Representative, GS-962-

05/08 (Bilingual, Chinese)

Ann#: DELEX-SR-00-057

Close: June 5

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Social Security

POC: (510) 970-8484

Remarks: See note.

Non Federal

Position: Electronics Technician 1 Instrumentation & Control

Salary: \$3,558 - \$4,769 monthly

Close: June 5 or first 50 applications

Location: Roseville, CA

Agency: City of Roseville

POC: (916) 774-5627

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Position: Custodian

Salary: \$2,035 - \$2,597 monthly

Close: June 5 or first 50 qualified applicants

Location: Roseville, CA

Agency: City of Roseville

POC: (916) 774-5627

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Position: Court Services Assistant 1

Salary: \$1,491 - \$1,813 per month

Close: June 2

Location: Nevada City

Agency: County of Nevada

POC: (530) 265-1225

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Position: Electrical Technician (Journey Level)

Salary: \$29.78 per hour

Close: June 2

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: SMUD

POC: (916) 732-6046

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Movies



Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Rules of Engagement - Friday and Saturday
Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Tommy Lee Jones

Two Vietnam veterans are reunited when one asks the other to defend him against court martial for ordering his troops to fire on civilians during the storming of an U.S. Embassy. The two men were separated when the lawyer was injured in Vietnam, forcing him out of the military, despite an intense desire to be a career officer. (R - language and scenes of war violence)

Road to El Dorado - Saturday -- 4 p.m. only
Starring: Animated

Two con-men get hold of a map to the lost city of gold, El Dorado. After stowing away onto one of the ships of the Spanish explorer Cortes, the pair escapes and eventually do find the city. (PG - mild traumatic material and language)

Keeping the Faith - Sunday

Starring: Ben Stiller, Edward Norton

Best friends since they were kids, Rabbi Jacob and Father Brian are dynamic and popular young men living and working on New York's upper west side. When Anna, once their childhood friend, suddenly returns to the city, she re-enters their lives and hearts with a vengeance. (PG-13 - some sexuality and language)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m. and 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Tae Bo Aerobics, 6:15-7:15 p.m., ages 11 and up, free. Moms, Pops, and Tots, 10-11 a.m.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-6 p.m.; Skate night, ages 5-8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., members \$2, nonmembers \$4.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation and snack bar from noon-5 p.m.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and gym, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 643-2074.

Tricare, HMO members: review benefits carefully

Members who have other Health Maintenance Organization health insurance may not benefit from Tricare.

Family members with HMO coverage who plan to use Tricare, read this important information to avoid paying higher costs for care. Those with other health insurance, federal law requires that Tricare only pay after the other insurance is used. Only Medicaid and Tricare supplemental plans are exempted from this rule.

Those with health insurance with an HMO who wish to use Tricare should be sure the chosen providers are available through both the HMO and Tricare plans. By doing so, members will avoid paying costly health care bills. Members must know what the coverage requirements and limitations are for both the HMO and Tricare.

If the other insurance is an HMO and the member chooses to see a provider outside the HMO plan, under federal law, Tricare cannot cover the charges and the provider can bill the member for the entire amount. HMOs limit coverage to a panel of provid-

ers and will only pay if the member sees one of the providers in the HMOs' panel.

For instance, the member wants to see a family counselor. However, not the therapist available within the HMO's plan - the member would rather see a psychiatrist available through Tricare. Tricare cannot cover the claim in this case because the member chose to go outside the HMO plan.

Tricare will pay secondary to an HMO in certain instances, such as when the service is not a benefit of the HMO, but is a benefit of Tricare. Examples of such situations include mental health care or prescription coverage. The member must submit to Tricare an 'explanation of benefits' statement from the HMO showing the denial of the service requesting to be covered by Tricare.

In some cases, neither the HMO nor Tricare will cover a service, such as seeing a chiropractor. If the member wants a service that isn't covered by the HMO or Tricare, be prepared to pay for it out-of-pocket.

(Information provided by the 77th Medical Operations Squadron)

77th Services Division offers summer fun

- American River rafting: June 13 and 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$25.
- Seafood lunch trip to Petaluma: June 16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25.
- Parasailing: June 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Folsom Lake. Cost is \$25.
- Gold panning: June 24, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$26.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 643-0400.

Cool off this summer, swim for free

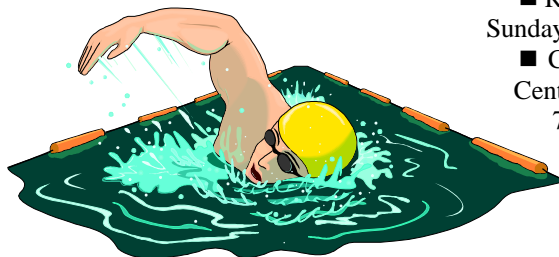
The three McClellan community pools are open and ready for use. All pools are free to active duty, dependents, Department

of Defense employees, retirees, reservist and their guest. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

■ Rafferty Hall Pool -- Monday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ Capehart Housing Pool at the Youth Center -- Monday through Friday, 1:30 - 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ Mall Pool at Club McClellan -- Friday through Sunday, 1:30 - 7 p.m.



Tour, fly in World War II aircraft

The only flying example of the B-24 Liberator, accompanied by the famous Flying Fortress, the Boeing B-17, are scheduled to arrive at Lincoln Regional Airport, Calif., Friday at 3 p.m.

The B-24 and B-17 have been restored to their original World War II combat configurations. Both aircraft will be on public display at Lincoln Regional Airport as follows:

- Friday, 3 - 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The two famous aircraft of WWII tour the country each year bringing their "museum" to the public rather than the public going to the museum. A nonprofit foundation, the Collings Foundation, relies on do-

nations of \$7 per adult, \$3 per child under 12, to tour the insides of both of these historic aircraft during their stopover at Lincoln Regional Airport.

For the adventurous, an actual flight may be taken in either aircraft, for most, a once-in-a-lifetime experience! A tax-deductible donation of \$350 qualifies you as a Collings Foundation crew member, allowing a crew member flight in the aircraft of your choice. Higher levels of financial support include additional flight and crew privileges.

Surprise someone with a gift or go yourself - get a feel for how small, cramped and noisy these planes are and in the process keep history alive for those who fought, flew and often died in them to keep our country



Courtesy photo

free.

For more information or flight scheduling, call Doug Taggart at 443-5522 or Iris Taggart at 455-4412.

(Information provided by the McClellan Aviation Museum)

Congress proposes GI Bill expansion

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WASHINGTON -- A current congressional proposal would expand the total Montgomery GI Bill benefits for service members from the current 36 month total of \$19,296 to \$25,920, according to Jim Sweizer, chief of the Voluntary Education Branch, Directorate of Personnel Force Development, Headquarters Air Force.

The proposal, if voted into law, would increase the basic benefit for full-time students from \$536 per month to \$600 per month beginning Oct. 1, 2000, Sweizer said. By Oct. 1, 2001, the benefit would increase to \$720 per month.

Additionally, part-time students would also see a proportional increase. The intent of the Montgomery GI Bill is to help veterans continue their education, according to Sweizer. To achieve this, the proposal would also provide service members who are still enrolled in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program another opportu-

nity to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill, he said.

"Almost 19,000 Air Force members were denied conversion to the GI Bill in 1996 when they were first offered the option to convert," he said. "Most were denied because they had no money in their VEAP account. Under VEAP, once you made a \$25 contribution, you could withdraw your investment and pay into the account at a later date. The government would then double any money, up to \$2,700, paid into the account. The way the law was written in 1996, those who had withdrawn their money were not permitted to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill."

Service members who choose to convert from VEAP to the Montgomery GI Bill will need to pay \$2,700, Sweizer said. In addition to continuing education, the new proposal would permit the Montgomery GI Bill benefits to pay fees for civilian occupational licensing or certification tests, he said.

For more information, call the McClellan education office at 643-4776.

SWAP MEET

For Sale

Car -- 89 Isuzu Trooper, red, 89K miles, one owner, 4WD, A/C, 5-speed manual, power locks/windows, \$2,200. Call 349-8602.

Truck -- 96 Ford Ranger XLT, clean, air, hitch receiver, bed liner, sliding rear window, \$6,500 obo. Call 332-9446.

Truck -- 93 Ford F-150XL, one owner, like new, only 16K miles, auto-trans, A/C, shell, liner. \$10,000. Call 773-6004 eves.

Household items -- Sharp viewcam 8 video camera, with tripod, case, batteries, recharger, \$100; Lazy Boy sofa, \$200; end tables, \$50;

crystal lamps, \$100; Air Walker exerciser, Trek 500, \$20; 10 ft artificial Christmas tree, \$50. Call 315-9004.

Editor's note: Swap ads are a free, space-available-only service for military members, civil service employees, retirees and associated family members possessing current ID cards. The ads must be for the personal use of the card holder.

Only a home phone or address may be used in the ad; no base extensions or base e-mail addresses are allowed, except for dormitory residents (residential status must be stated on ad). Personal e-mail addresses will be accepted. Drop

off ads at Bldg. 200, room 125. Swap ads will not be published without a signature.

The deadline is noon, Wednesday for possible publication in the following Thursday's issue. Only one Swap ad per household per week, up to 50 words, may be submitted.

However, the ad can apply to more than one category, such as items wanted/trade, vehicles, furniture and yard sales. Spacemaker reserves the right to edit. No ads for money-making businesses, including daycare, or the sale of firearms or firearm accessories will be accepted. To run a swap ad again, it must be resubmitted. For more information, call the Spacemaker at 643-6100.